THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.26425 OF 2005

DATED:30.12.2005

Between:

Journalists Association of Andhra Pradesh (JAAP)

A registered Trade Union (B-2247), rep. by its President

Uppala Laxman, S/o.Tirupataiah, R/o.1/1/651/B

Gandhinagar, Hyderabad

…Petitioner

And

Government of A.P.,

Rep. by its Secretary,

GAD (I&PR)-II Dept.,

Secretariat Buildings,

Hyderabad and another

…Respondents

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ORDER:

The Journalists Association of Andhra Pradesh (JAAP) filed the instant Writ Petition aggrieved by the orders of first respondent in G.O.Ms.No.493, dt.9.11.2005. Be it noted, by the said impugned order the Government reconstituted the High-power Committee to look into the cases of attacks and assaults on Journalists ('HPC' for brevity), for a period of two years from the date of issue of the order. It is the case of the petitioner that on earlier two occasions JAAP, which is one of the major unions of Journalists, was included as the Member in HPC, but without there being any reason, by the impugned G.O., the JAAP was not included in the HPC.

At the stage of admission itself, first respondent filed a detailed counter affidavit

bringing out the reasons for not including JAAP in HPC. It appears, the petitioner union/association made a representation dt.19.11.2005 to Hon'ble Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Government of Andhra Pradesh and the same is still pending. Therefore, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner may be given liberty to pursue the representation with the Government. There cannot be any objection to the same.

In view of the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Writ Petition is disposed of giving liberty to pursue the representation filed before the Government for appropriate redressal. The representation of the petitioner dt.19.11.2005 may be disposed of within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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(V.V.S.RAO, J)

30.12.2005

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